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Energy Systems for Sustainable Power

**Small Modular Biopower Systems**



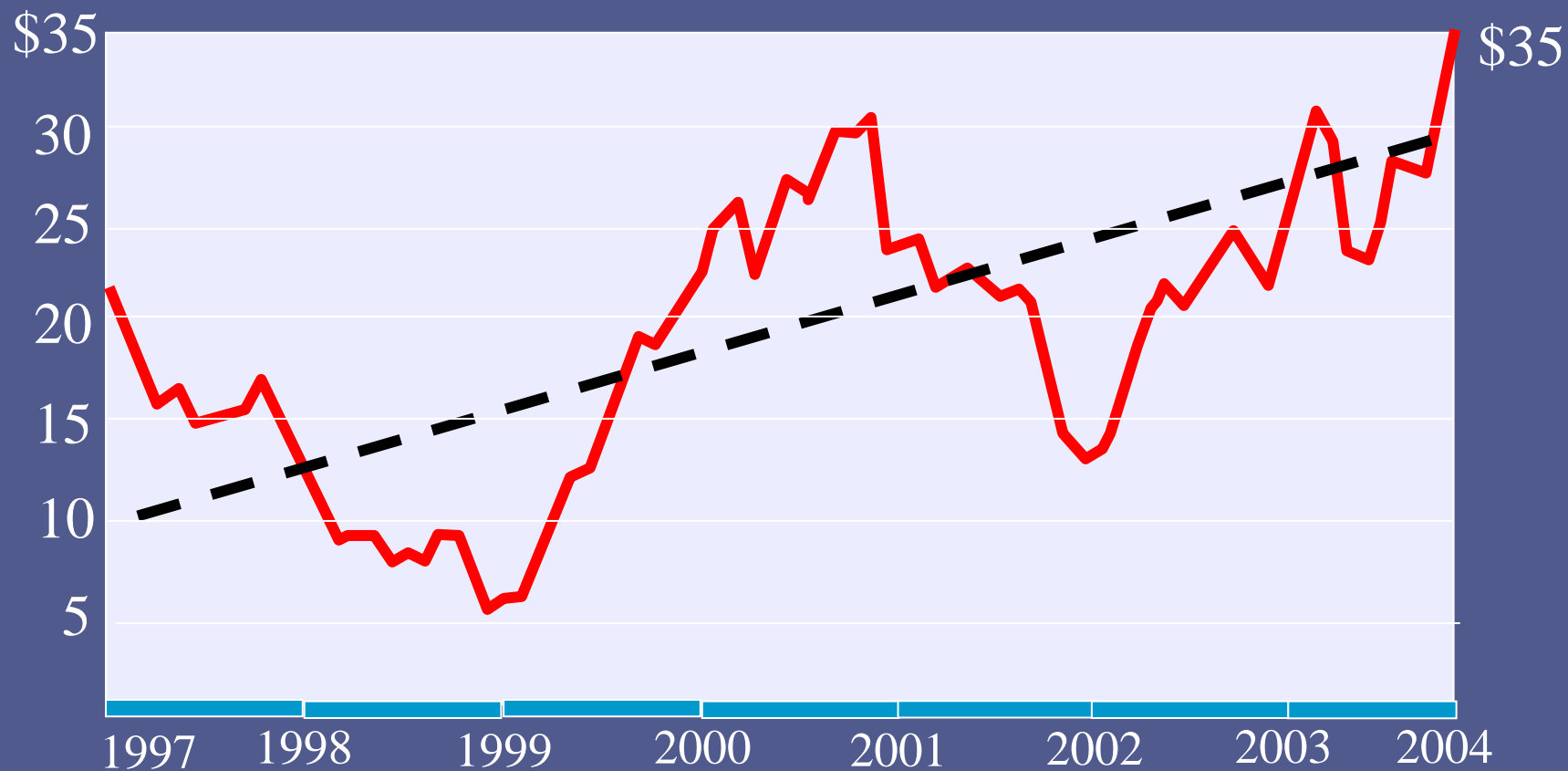
**Sustainable Power For the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

Robb R. Walt  
President

## Natural Gas Prices (2000\$ Dollars)



# Crude Oil Price Per Barrel (2000\$)



# Small Biopower: In the Right Place, .....at the Right Time

**Catastrophic  
Forest Fires**



**Healthy Forest Initiative =  
Forest Thinning Resources**

**War on  
Terrorism**

**Energy Independence  
Energy Security**



**Green Energy**



**Environment**

**Need for  
BioMax  
Systems**

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A BioMax will keep your lights on!



# BioMax: Alternative To Fossil Fuel Gensets



Caption: *“Yeah, so what if diesel is \$3.00/gal, whadaya think these things run on ....WOOD?”*



# Primary Products: BioMax 5 to BioMax 50

World's first, fully automated, environmentally friendly, small modular biopower systems, designed for high volume, low cost manufacture



**Uses wide variety of woody residues to provide power and heat for:**

- Rural communities (US and foreign)
- Homes (net-metering, prime / back-up)
- Small enterprises (use on-site residues)
- Government facilities

**Stand-alone Gas Generator for:**

- Crop & wood drying (sawmills, wood working)
- Back-up for propane and/or natural gas
- Building heat (workshops, green houses, etc.)
- Cooling/chilling (buildings, food & crop preservation, etc.)

# Why **Small** Biopower?

- ✓ Simple to site
- ✓ Uses on-site residues
- ✓ Fuel flexible
- ✓ Power flexible
- ✓ Simple to connect
- ✓ CHP capable
- ✓ Fully automatic
- ✓ Provides energy security
- ✓ Transportable
- ✓ Reliable: dual fuels



# BioMax Fuels: Problem Woody Residues

(3 pounds per kilowatt-hour)



Wood-working Factory Residues



Coconut Residues - Philippines

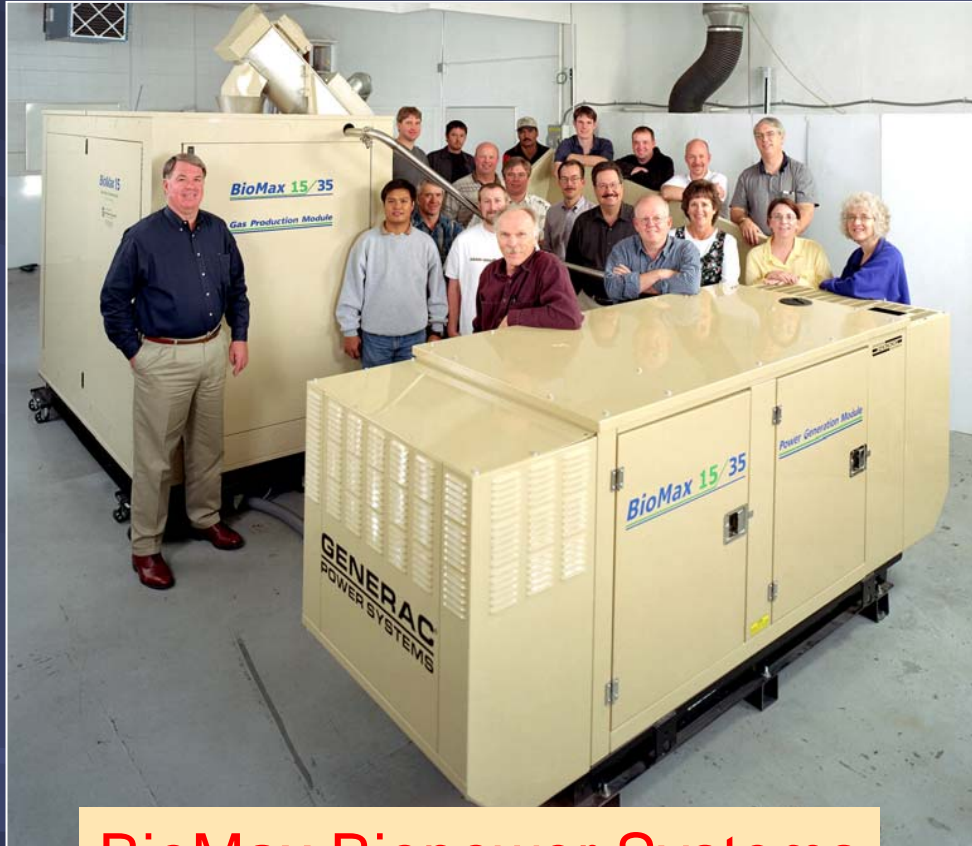


Sawmill Residues



Forest Thinning Residues – USA (73M Acres)

# CPC's BioMax Team



**BioMax Biopower Systems**

## Founders/Owners Art Lilley & Robb Walt

20 Years (each) Sr. Business  
Management & Technology  
Development for Westinghouse

## Product Team – 18

**Chief Scientist:** Dr. Tom Reed (x-NREL)

**Chief Engineer:** Jim Diebold (x-NREL)

**Product Development:** King Browne

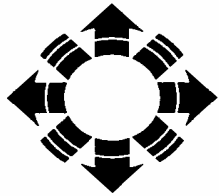
**Senior Engineers:** 2 (x-Westinghouse)

**Engineers:** 4

**Technical staff:** 6

**Administrative:** 3

# Contributing Organizations to Develop BioMax



**NREL** (DOE)



**Shell Renewables & Foundation**



**CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION**



**US FOREST SERVICE**

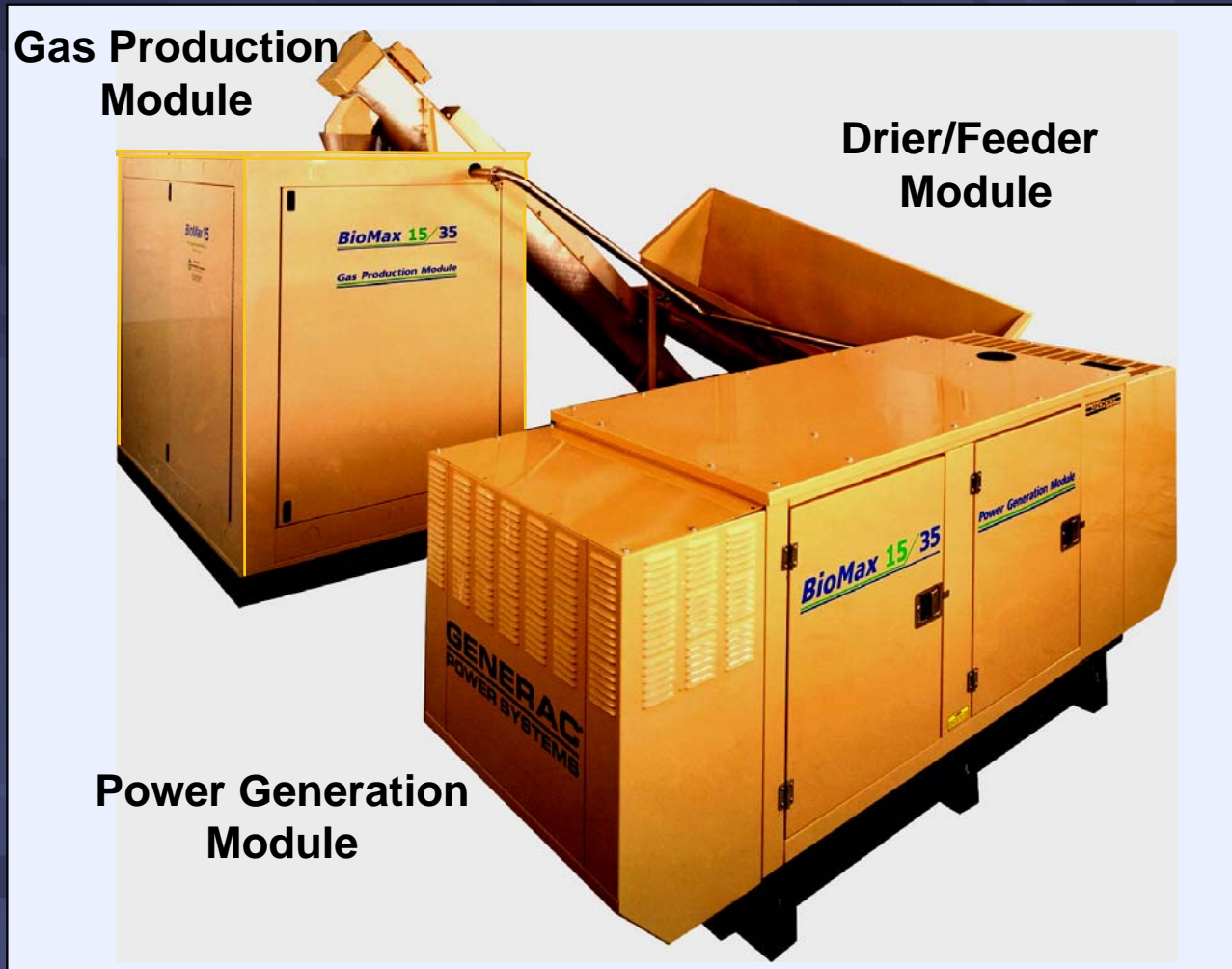
# **CPC's Modular Biopower System**

## **Sustainable Power for The 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

- ✓ **“Turn Key” - Fully automatic operation and control**
- ✓ **“Tar Free” - New gasifier design – simple gas cleanup**
- ✓ **No harmful emissions, no liquid effluents**
- ✓ **Simple design / low cost / easy manufacture**
- ✓ **Modular, easily transported, simple installation**
- ✓ **Power modules from 5 to 50 kW**
- ✓ **Grid interconnect and CHP capable**



# Primary Products: BioMax 5 to BioMax 50



**Small Modular Biopower Systems for Homes, Enterprises and Rural Communities**

# CPC's New BioMax 50

## California Energy Commission

### Utility-grade Power For Distributed Generation (Mt. Shasta)

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- ✓ Continuous 24hr Operation
- ✓ Automatic char & ash extraction
- ✓ Automated feeder/dryer
- ✓ Despatchable power (50 kW)
- ✓ Auto startup, monitoring & shutdown
- ✓ Grid interconnect
- ✓ Meets ARB emission standards
- ✓ Maintenance less than 3 hours/week
- ✓ Prime power rated



# CPC's BioMax 5 Home Biopower System

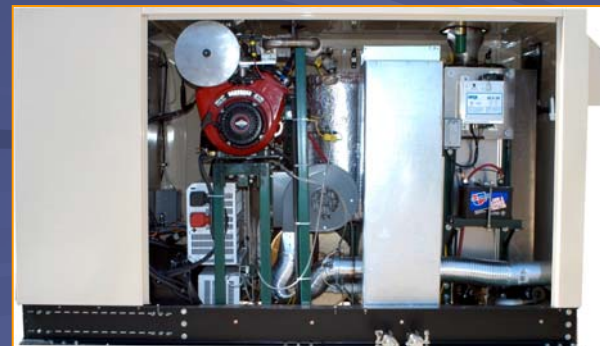
**Utility-grade power (and heat) for  
homes, offices & small enterprises**

## Features:

- Capacity: 5 kWe; 110/220VAC; 60/50 Hz
- Fuels: wood pellets & chips, nut shells, propane
- Energy: 10 –30 kWh/day
- 24 hour AC power
  - biopower operation – 4-6 hr/day
  - battery/inverter - 24 hr/day
- Automatic operation

## Advantages:

- Lower cost than PV or wind systems
- Uses waste wood or pellets as fuel
- Provides power and heat
- Utility-grade power, 24/7



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# CPC's BioMax: A Versatile, Bioenergy Gas Generator

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BioMax



Converts forest/ag residues to a gas capable of fueling a variety of power generation and heating/cooling technologies

RUNS:

IC Engines

Stirling  
Engines

Fuel Cells

Microturbines

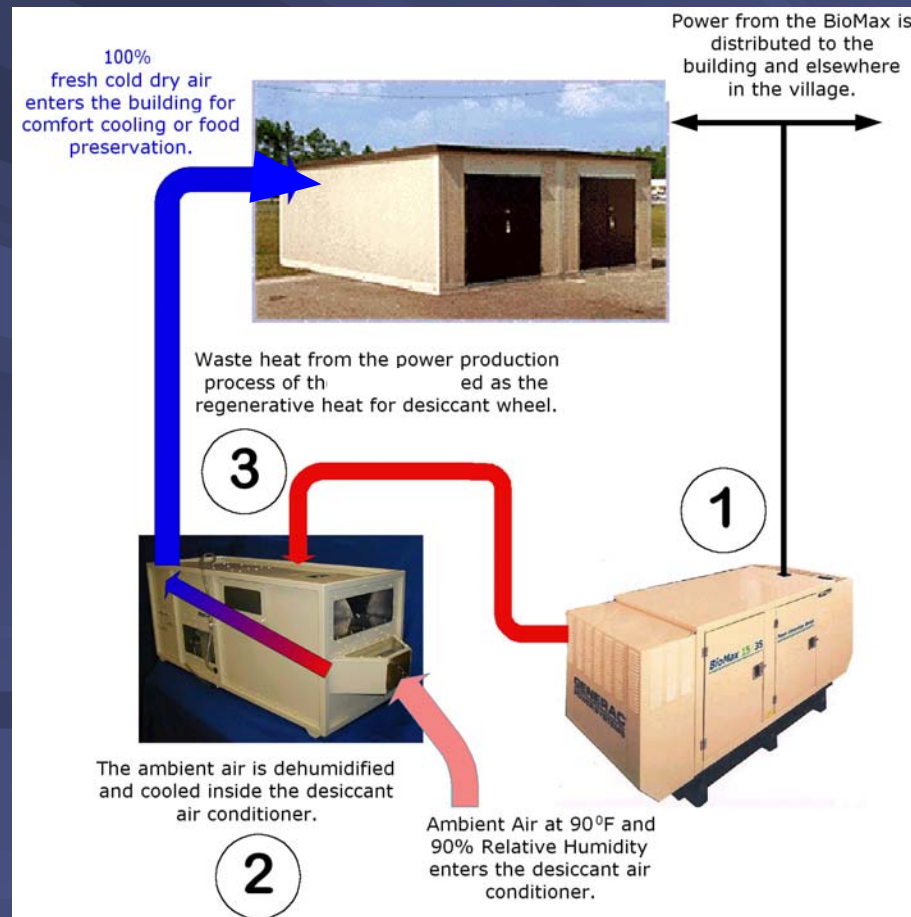
Furnaces  
Driers/Chillers

# CPC's BioMax: Power + Heat and Cooling

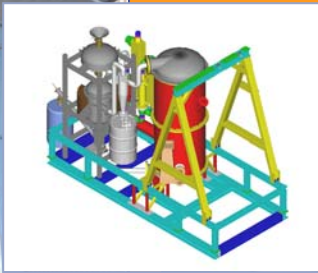
## Turns Hot or Hot & Humid into Cool and Dry

Idalex's Multistage  
Evaporative Cooling  
System

No compressor,  
fraction of the power,  
produces 55 degree air



# *BioMax Power Systems For Poultry Farms*



On-site Electricity & Heat  
From Poultry Farm Residues

## **Specifications**

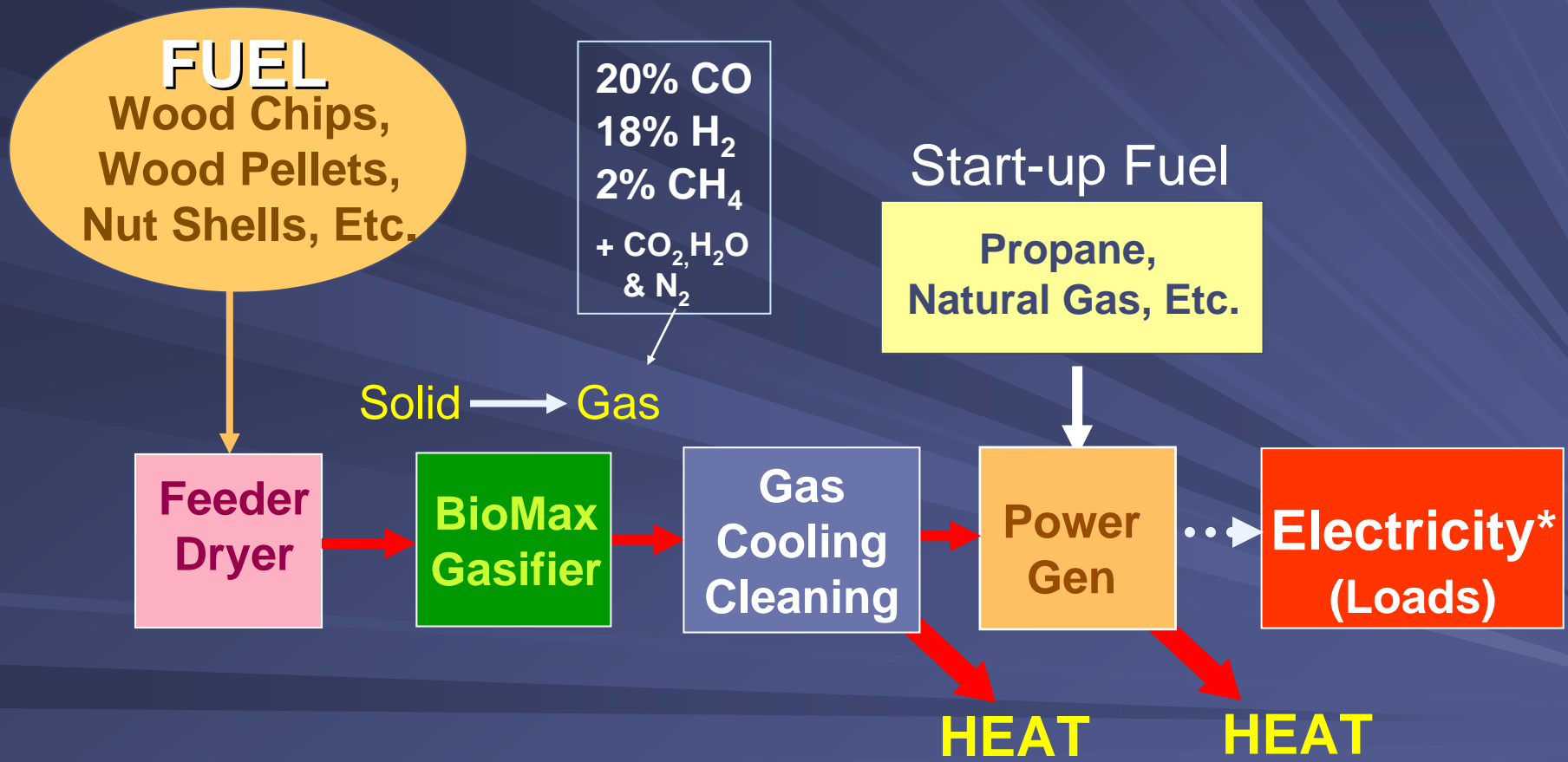
- Electrical Power: 20 to 250 kWe modules  
Thermal : ~0.4 to 5 Million Btu/h
- Footprint: 2.5m x 5.5m
- Weight: depending on unit, ~5T
- Gas: LHV >4 MJ/m<sup>3</sup>, <10 ppm Tars/Particulates
- Litter to Power Conversion: ~2 dry T/MWh
- Litter to Fuel Gas: > 90 gal LPG equiv/dry T
- Dispatchable power in 30s available
- Gasifier cold startup: ~60 minutes
- Load balancing: Brooder heat, power, flare
- Dry gas composition: O<sub>2</sub> 0%, H<sub>2</sub> 12.5%  
CO 12.5%, CO<sub>2</sub> 18%, CH<sub>4</sub> 5%, balance is N<sub>2</sub>
- Startup/Backup fuel: LPG

## **Features**

- Automatic startup, operation & shutdown
- Microprocessor-based control system
- Co-Gen (CHP) power modules
- Dry gas clean-up, No wet scrubber
- No liquid effluents, No toxic wastes
- Designed for Poultry Litter & Fuel Flexible:  
(straw, rice hulls, switchgrass, sawdust)
- Optional automatic dryer/feeder
- Design scalable for small and large farms
- Trailer or skid mounted, simple installation



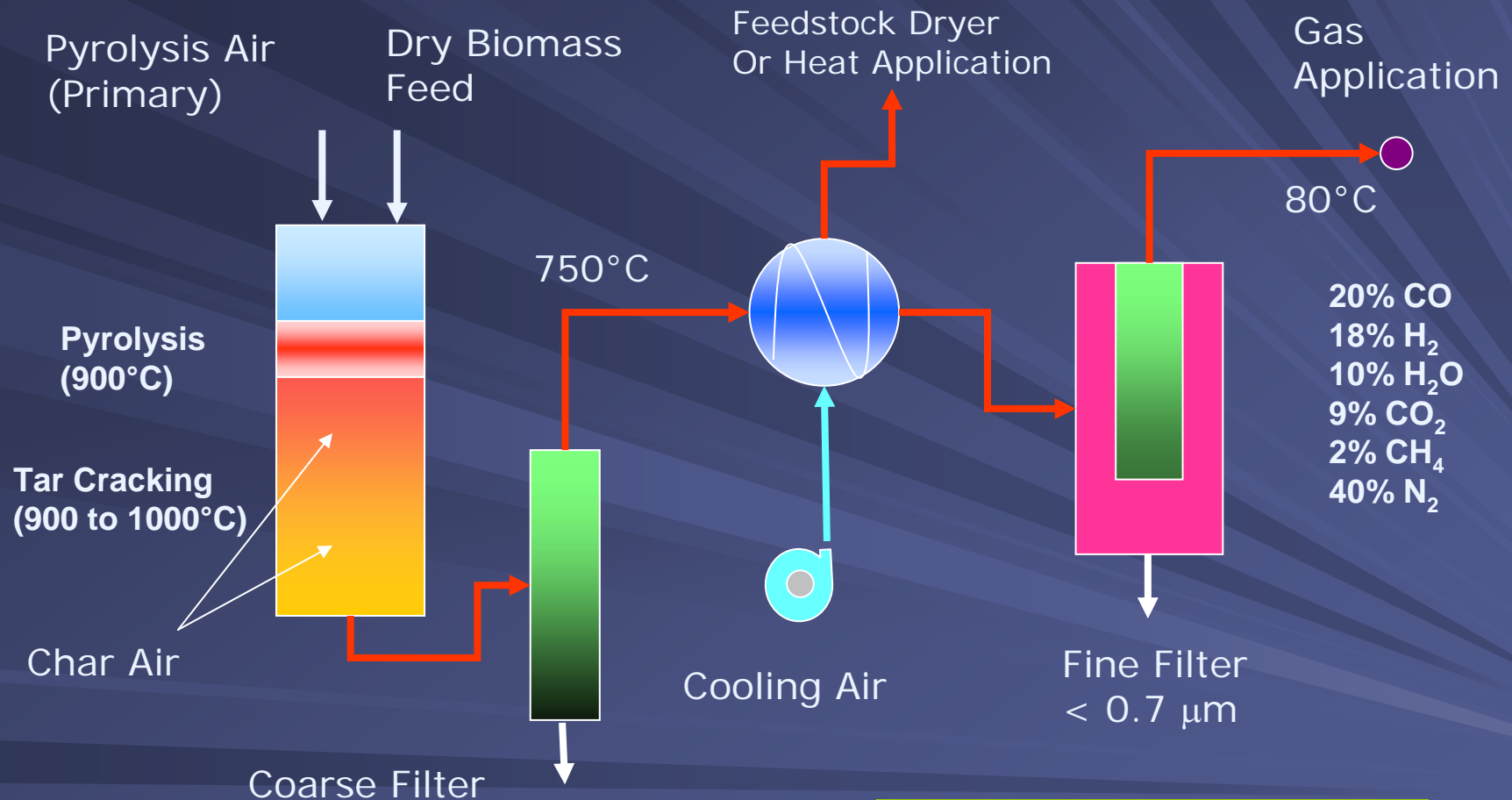
# BioMax: Gasification Converts Woody Materials to a Clean Fuel Gas for Heat, Power and Cooling



Wood Energy Conversion Efficiency: 80%  
System CH&P Efficiency = +70%

\* and/or shaft power

# CPC's Direct Air Gasification



**3 lbs wood = 1 kWh**

~70% of Biomass Energy = Chemical Fuel

~20% of Biomass Energy = Recoverable Heat, Gas Cooling



# Biomass Fuels for Current BioMax\*

Tested	Potential	Problematic
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All kinds of wood</li><li>• Any kind of pellet</li><li>• Most nut shells<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- coconut shells</li><li>- pecan shells</li><li>- walnut shells</li><li>- nutmeg shells</li><li>- pistachio shells</li><li>- palm oil shells</li></ul></li><li>• Corn (tainted)</li><li>• Poultry litter</li><li>• Tennis Shoe Factory Wastes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cubed grasses</li><li>• Dried cakes<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- ethanol</li><li>- canola</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rice husks</li><li>• Corn stover</li><li>• Sawdust</li><li>• Sugar cane leaves</li><li>• Straw</li></ul>

\*Downdraft Model

# CPC Projects

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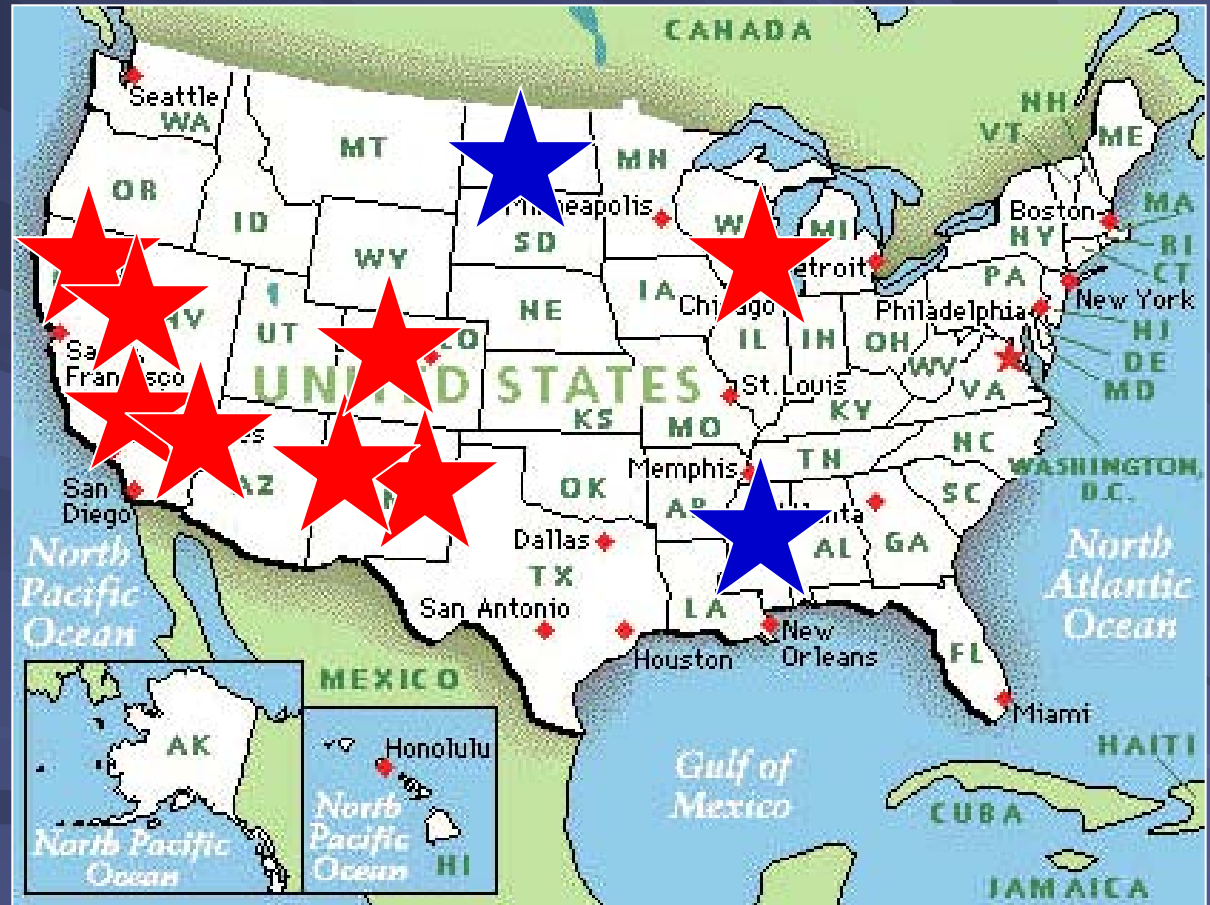
- **US Forest Service/NREL**      **5 BioMax power systems deployed in USA**
- **Mississippi State University**      **BioMax for Bio-reactor – Ethanol – MSU**
- **Philippines – USAID/WB**      **Rural Electrification and Enterprises  
BioMax & C-PUP**
- **State of California**      **New 50 kW 24/7 Grid Interconnected BioMax**
- **USDOE- Crop Drying**      **New R&D Project to adapt CPC gasifiers for  
commercial crop drying**
- **Excel Energy - Gas  
Conditioning**      **R&D Project to develop new centrifugal filter  
for BioMax systems**

# BioMax 5,15, 50

## Development & Demonstration Projects (USFS + NREL + CEC + CPC)

### Sites

- Ruidoso, NM
- Zuni, NM
- Walden, CO
- Mt. Shasta, CA
- San Bernadino, CA
- Big Bear Lake, CA
- Truckee, CA
- Madison, WI
- Starkville, Ms
- Grand Forks, ND



# BioMax Applications:

Wood-fueled, On- or Off-Grid Power and Heat  
for Homes, Small Enterprises and Organizations



Woodworking Shops



Manufactured Wood Homes



Greenhouses

Rural Schools & Offices



Post & Pole Companies



Wood Flooring Companies







# BioMax 15 Biopower System

## SBS Wood Shavings Company

### Ruidoso, New Mexico



BioMax 15 System



Automatic Control System



Wood Chip Feeder/Drier

- Application: Power & heat for wood shavings company
- Fuel: Wood scraps and forest thinning residues
- Operation: Daily
- Wood Consumption: 3 lbs/kWh
- Daily Load: 12 to 15 kW, 80-120 kWh
- Maintenance: 30 minutes per week
- Installation: October 2003
- Advantage: Reduces costs of electricity and propane for heat  
Provides "green" marketing advantage for company



# BioMax 15 Biopower System

## Zuni Furniture Enterprises

Zuni, New Mexico



Zuni Workshop



BioMax 15 at Zuni

### Zuni Furniture Company

- Application: Power & Heat Furniture making shop
- Fuel: Wood scraps and forest thinning residues
- Operation: Daily
- Wood Consumption: 3 lbs/kWh
- Daily Load: 8 to 12 kW, 60-80 kWh
- Maintenance: 30 minutes per week
- Installation: October 2003
- Advantage: Disposes of on-site wood wastes and reduces costs of electricity and propane for heat





# BioMax 15 Biopower System

## North Park High School

Walden, Colorado



Power & Heat For Greenhouse

Strong Community Support



BioMax 15 – Operated by Students

- Application: Power & Heat for High School Vocational Horticulture Program
- Fuel: Forest thinning residues
- Operation: Daily by high school students
- Wood Consumption: 3 lbs/kWh
- Daily Load: 6 to 8kW, 40-80 kWh
- Maintenance: 30 minutes per week
- Installation: September 2003
- Advantage:
  - Reduces costs of electricity and propane for heat
  - Provides students with hands-on learning experience about renewable energy and biopower

# CPC's New BioMax 50 - Power and Heat For the Big Bear Discovery Center San Bernardino Forest

March 2005

**BioMax 50**



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NREL / USDOE



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- Power and heat from forest thinnings –1 ton/day
- Automatic operation
- Meets current CARB emission standards
- Grid interconnected
- Demonstrate to the public the high value of forest resources